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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. On 30 October 1985, Mr. John A. McCone met for about 40 minutes with Senator Dave Durenberger, Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

2. In response to McCone's question, the Senator said the SSCI's concept of a national intelligence strategy was gaining converts and real progress was being made in trying to plan ahead. The Senator stated his belief that the SSCI had turned the corner from acting as an investigative body and that oversight was now considered as supportive of the intelligence community activities and that the SSCI served as a means of enlisting support for these activities throughout the Congress and with the American public. He did suggest that spending might be reduced in the near future.

3. No specific issues were raised. There was a general discussion of the need for better human resource intelligence collection, particularly on the intentions of the Soviet Union.

4. Mr. McCone also met with Senator Sam Nunn whose main concerns were the potential impact of the Gramm-Rudman Amendment and the future of recommended changes to strengthen the organization of the Department of Defense.

5. The Senator asked that McCone receive a copy of the staff report on the Department of Defense. The Senator said that, in view of McCone's wide experience in the government, the Armed Services Committee would welcome McCone's views.

6. Mr. McCone then met with Congressman Thomas Foley who took some time out from a House-Senate conference meeting on the Gramm-Rudman Amendment. Mr. Foley predicted that the amendment would be passed by the House.

7. Both Nunn and Foley said that the amendment was not well thought out, was a forcing tactic, and that the implications for Federal programs, including military forces, were not well understood and could be serious.

Signed

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